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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1
TAGS: PARM
SUBJECT: NEW TYPES OF ICBMS: EARLE-SEMENOV PRIVATE
MEETING OF APRIL 15, 1978 (SALT TWO-1703)

1. IN PRIVATE MEETING APRIL 15 I GAVE SEMENOV ADVANCE TEXT OF REVISED PROPOSAL BANNING NEW TYPES OF ICBMS (PARA. 3). I SAID U.S. HAD CAREFULLY CONSIDERED SOVIET VIEWS AND I BELIEVED REVISED PROPOSAL CONSTITUTED BASIS FOR MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY SOLUTION TO THIS QUESTION. I SAID U.S. PLANNED TO TABLE LANGUAGE FORMALLY AT FIRST PLENARY FOLLOWING MOSCOW DISCUSSIONS, BUT WE WANTED SOVIET

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SIDE TO BE AWARE OF IT BEFORE MOSCOW VISIT. I NOTED THAT REVISED PROPOSAL CONTAINED NO LIMITATIONS ON GUIDANCE SYSTEMS OR PENETRATION AIDS, PERMITTED SOME CHANGES IN OTHER COMPONENTS OF EXISTING ICBMS TO ALLOW INTER ALIA FOR PRODUCTION CHANGES AND MINOR DESIGN CHANGES, BUT RETAINED SUFFICIENT VERIFIABLE RESTRICTIONS ON MODIFICATIONS TO EXISTING ICBMS TO MAKE MEANINGFUL THE NEW

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TYPES PROHIBITION.

2. SEMENOV DEFERRED COMMENT AND AGREED THIS SUBJECT SHOULD NOT BE DISCUSSED FURTHER IN GENEVA UNTIL AFTER MOSCOW VISIT. IN RESPONSE TO HIS QUESTION, I CONFIRMED THAT U.S. PROPOSAL CONTAINED NO EXCEPTION FOR SINGLE-RV ICBM. SEMENOV SAID HE WOULD REPORT U.S. PROPOSAL PROMPTLY.

3. LANGUAGE FOLLOWS:

- PARAGRAPH 1 OF ARTICLE II OF THE PROTOCOL

1. EACH PARTY UNDERTAKES NOT TO FLIGHT-TEST OR DE-PLOY NEW TYPES OF ICBMS, THAT IS, TYPES OF ICBMS NOT FLIGHT-TESTED AS OF APRIL 15, 1978.

- AGREED STATEMENT TO PARAGRAPH 1
- OF ARTICLE II OF THE PROTOCOL

THE PARTIES AGREE THAT THE TERM "NEW TYPES OF ICBMS" IN PARAGRAPH 1 OF ARTICLE II OF THE PROTOCOL REFERS TO ANY ICBM WHICH IS DIFFERENT FROM THOSE ICBMS FLIGHT-TESTED AS OF APRIL 15, 1978, IN ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING RESPECTS:

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(A) THE NUMBER OF STAGES, THE LENGTH, THE LARGEST DIAMETER, THE LAUNCH-WEIGHT, OR THE THROW-WEIGHT, OF THE MISSILE;

(B) THE INITIAL WEIGHT, THE TYPE OF PROPELLANT (THAT IS, LIQUID OR SOLID), OR THE TOTAL IMPULSE, OF ANY OF ITS STAGES;

(C) THE INITIAL WEIGHT, THE TYPE OF PROPELLANT (THAT IS, LIQUID OR SOLID), OR THE TOTAL IMPULSE, OF A SELF-CONTAINED DISPENSING MECHANISM OR OTHER APPROPRIATE DEVICE FOR TARGETING ONE REENTRY VEHICLE, OR FOR RELEASING OR FOR DISPENSING AND TARGETING TWO OR MORE REENTRY VEHICLES.

THE PARTIES ALSO AGREE THAT, IN CONNECTION WITH THE OBLIGATION OF PARAGRAPH 1 OF ARTICLE II OF THE PROTOCOL, EACH PARTY UNDERTAKES NOT TO FLIGHT-TEST OR DEPLOY AN ICBM OF A TYPE FLIGHT-TESTED AS OF APRIL 15, 1978, WHICH HAS A NUMBER OF REENTRY VEHICLES GREATER THAN THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF REENTRY VEHICLES FLIGHT-TESTED ON AN ICBM OF THAT TYPE AS OF THAT DATE, OR WHICH HAS A REENTRY

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VEHICLE THE WEIGHT OF WHICH IS LESS THAN THE WEIGHT OF
THE LIGHTEST REENTRY VEHICLE FLIGHT-TESTED ON AN ICBM OF
THAT TYPE AS OF THAT DATE.

- COMMON UNDERSTANDING TO PARAGRAPH 1
- OF ARTICLE II OF THE PROTOCOL

THE SIDES AGREE THAT THE NEGOTIATING RECORD REFLECTS THE
COMMON UNDERSTANDING THAT, AS USED IN THE AGREED
STATEMENT TO PARAGRAPH 1 OF ARTICLE II OF THE PROTOCOL,
THE TERM "DIFFERENT," REFERRING TO LENGTH, DIAMETER,
LAUNCH-WEIGHT, THROW-WEIGHT, INITIAL WEIGHT, AND TOTAL
IMPULSE, MEANS A DIFFERENCE IN EXCESS OF FIVE PERCENT.

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- COMMON UNDERSTANDING TO PARAGGAPH 1
- OF ARTICLE II OF THE PROTOCOL

THE SIDES AGREE THAT THE NEGOTIATING RECORD REFLECTS
THE COMMON UNDERSTANDING THAT THE LIMITATIONS WITH
RESPECT TO LAUNCH-WEIGHT AND THROW-WEIGHT, PROVIDED FOR
IN PARAGRAPH 1 OF ARTICLE II OF THE PROTOCOL AND THE
AGREED STATEMENT AND THE PRECEDING COMMON UNDERSTANDING
THERETO, DO NOT PRECLUDE THE FLIGHT-TESTING OR THE
DEPLOYMENT OF ICBMS EQUIPPED WITH NUMBERS OF REENTRY
VEHICLES OR PENETRATION AIDS LESS THAN THE MAXIMUM
NUMBERS OF REENTRY VEHICLES AND PENETRATION AIDS WHICH
HAVE BEEN FLIGHT-TESTED ON AN ICBM OF THAT TYPE AS OF
APRIL 15, 1978, EVEN IF THIS RESULTS IN A DECREASE IN
LAUNCH-WEIGHT OR THROW-WEIGHT IN EXCESS OF FIVE PERCENT.
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